



*Is it your
Sunday to
serve?*

Sunday, May 6, 2018

Greeters: Dick & Kim Schell

Ushers: Mike Hutchens, Jon Keys, Ted Patrick

Nursery: Amy King & Kyle Abbott

Children s Church: Susan Hutchens

Counters: *Volunteers*

Sunday, May 13, 2018

Greeters: Mary Lou Prowse

Ushers: Dick Schell, Gene Severson, Isaac Seaman

Nursery: Kristie Seaman & Arlayna Seaman

Children s Church: Krissa & Brock Welshans

Counters: Mary Lou Prowse and Inez Stephens

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Greeters: Wayne & Chris Bell

Ushers: Pat Wilson, Don Potter, Tom Decker

Nursery: Linda Bush

Children s Church: Jill Thomas

Counters: *Volunteers*

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Greeters: Scott & Norma Bohms

Ushers: Scott Bohms, Paul Dunsford, Dan Edwards

Nursery: *Need Volunteer Please*

Children s Church: Sarah Kady & Gracie Bell

Counters: *Volunteers*

**If you cannot serve at the time assigned,
please make arrangements for a sub or call the
office by Wednesday before the Sunday**

Heaven Sent to Host Food Pantry Distribution on May 17th



Volunteers from our church as well as other churches will meet at the Heaven Sent Community Ministries building on Main Street on Thursday May 17, 2018 for the regular distribution. If you would like to help with the distribution, show up at Heaven Sent at 4:30 that day.

Meanwhile the Second Chance Clothing Shoppe continues to operate from their building from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 10-2 on Saturday.

Men, Women, boys and girls: Add to your winter wardrobe for the right price. Check out the selection; remember it changes all the time! Drop-offs can be made at the back door.

Heaven Sent sponsors another food distribution on the last Saturday of the month at the VFW Hall Parking Lot in Marlette. Your volunteer help would be most appreciated. Call Gina at 989-635-0077 for details.



**Thank you Kim Schell;
for your years of
commitment to our
youth's camping experience.**

Kim Schell has announced, after much prayer and consideration that she needs to step down from *Camp Coordinator*. We are praying that someone would like to step in and accept this responsibility – and continue to help send our youth to camp. Maybe you are being called to this ministry. Please contact Michelle or Kim. Kim has graciously said she will be more than happy to assist in the transition.



Community Free Lunch - Last Saturday of the Month May 26th. 11A.M. - 1P.M.



In an effort to update our directory, if you have an **address, e-mail or phone number change** please provide it on the attendance slip, call or e-mail the office

(fumcmarlette@centurytel.net) with the information. It is very helpful to have this update for our church family. Thank you.



Bell's Small on Monday night at 7:00 p.m. and **Little Women** meets Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

Tapson small group will resume May 3rd @ 7:00 p.m. in their home. **Scharla Tapson, bible study** Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. will resume on 5/4.



S.W.A.G. youth group. (Soldiers Walking According to God), this is for high school age teens and young adults. This group is led by Matt Chappel, Troy Patriquin, Laura Patriquin and Rabecca Diel. Meets on Friday's at 5:30 in the Youth Room in the basement of the church.



Have you noticed a dish missing at home? Maybe it is in the Fellowship Hall waiting to be picked up after you made a generous donation to one of our meals. Take a look and see if it is there for you to take home.



Due to a scheduling conflict. The May Administrative Board Meeting will be May 15th @ 7:00 p.m.



Reverend Allan is home and will be available church office Tuesday's and Thursday's from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Prayers of Thanksgiving

- For new beginnings and prayers for God's strength to persevere and maintain them.
- For our Praise Team for their talent and commitment.
- For Pastor Dave and Pat, and the four years of ministry they have provided our church family. For a smooth and blessed transition into retirement and a new home.
- For Pastor Larry and Judy Osweiler as they answered the call to transfer here.
- For a positive report, Deb Wilson's son Denny.
- For Mark Snow's successful stent placement.

Prayers for Healing and Protection

- For Byronna Brydon – she has been diagnosed with cancer.
- For Pat Mulder, as she receives treatment for her legs.
- For Rudy Bolf who has begun chemo
- For Carol Stieler (Dave's wife, Nicole Friday's mom), head injury from fall while returning from vacation. She is recovering with rehab at the Lighthouse in Caro, Prayers are appreciated. If you would like to send a card that would be also appreciated. Lighthouse Caro; 1655 E. Caro Rd. P.O. Box 289; Caro, MI 48723
- For Alyson Edward's brother Tom, having some heart problems. She asks that we pray his fear be replaced with Faith, and he receives a healing his mind and body.
- For John Boegner as he recovers from surgery
- For Paula McDowell who is in need of a liver transplant as soon as possible.
- For Jill Thomas as she continues her battle with cancer, and for stable results from scan done 4/25.
- For Ilene Smit, Judy Hostetler's sister, who continues to deal with cancer

- For Susie Begue, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer (she is Michelle Boyle's son in laws' mom). She is finishing up her 8 rounds of chemo, and will have surgery
- Aaron Oberle, who has be diagnosed with leukemia
- Tanya Hobson, recent surgery

Prayers for the Bereaved

- For the Virginia Reamer Family (Kitty Christensen mother).
- Jane Grant Family
- Terry Warner Family
- The Manuel Navarro family
- The Kelly (Flannigan) Grymonprez family.
- The Mark Kinch family. (Jarrod Naracon's uncle)
- The Ramon "Jerry" Hutchins family (Jarrod Naracon's uncle)

Other Concerns

- For job opportunities
- For Jake Hutchens– job and internships

Prayers for Our Missionaries

Keep them safe and let their service be productive

- Jason & Emily Atkins
- Dan & Suzie Potter - ***Please include additional prayer, asking for God's provision, and reminder to those that committed to supporting their ministry that there is still a need. Their communication with supporters is difficult when on the ship, as Wi-Fi and such is not always available for e-mail.***

Prayers for Our Nation

- Our Service Men & Women
- Our Government: an end to hostility, the economy, law enforcement, immigration reform, "One Nation Under God with Liberty and Justice for All!"
- All Leaders & Governments

Prayers for the World Psalm 122:6

- The Peace of Jerusalem

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MAY 6TH We Welcome Back to the
Pulpit



Special guest

Dr. John Landon

returns to the pulpit
and the organ bench

Our friend Dr. John Landon will bring an inspired
message and uplifting music to our worship.

We will begin our Sunday morning with a continental
breakfast at 9 AM.

Then at 9:30 we will gather in the sanctuary for
Pre-worship *Hymn Fest* featuring Dr. Landon sharing his
hymn favorites.



**May 20th is Graduation Sunday - We
will be honoring our 2018 Graduates
during church, and also celebrate with
a brunch following service.**

Coming In June



Pastor Dave's brother **Dr. John Mulder**

will be our guest speaker and musician
accompanied by their band

Sweet Freedom.

The inspiration of good and lively music
along with heartfelt testimony will bring joy
to all.

In fact, the theme of the morning is

“Joy Wins!”

Following worship, we will enjoy a
wholesome meal featuring ***Dave's Best
BBQ!*** Pastor Dave will be preparing his
favorites for his final church dinner here in
Marlette, including smoked pulled pork &
beef brisket and BBQ chicken.

THE CROSS AND RESURRECTION

The power of Christ's Resurrection is defined through the Cross of Christ. In our worship we "survey the wondrous cross." Contemporary Christian recording artists like Chris Tomlin and Dennis Jernigan help us to sing about *The Wonderful Cross* and *Jesus, Lamb of God*.

What is so wonderful about the cross? It is the power of God! The Bible says so. Look at First Corinthians chapter one verse eighteen: **"For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."** (1 Corinthians 1:18)

The cross of Christ is wondrous because it is a paradox. The Cross is a scandal and an offense. Yet, it is God's means of communicating divine lavished love. Also, the cross is cause for boasting. See Galatians 6:14: **"May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."**

The Cross of Christ is an instrument of reconciliation and peace. **"God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross."**

Colossians 1:20

In this 2018 season of Resurrection celebration we behold an empty cross and an empty tomb. We see the results: **God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, cancelling the written code with its regulations that were against us and that stood opposed to us. He took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.**

Colossians 2:13b-15

Christ himself **"bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed."**

1 Peter 2:24

The Cross of Christ is the emblem of Christ's everlasting passion, the prime picture for our passion. It humbles us and lowers us to our knees in prayer. Then, it lifts us to a position of praise and thanksgiving. It leads us to self-denial and service for the sake of Glorifying God.

The Cross and Resurrection present a miracle package. We believe the miracle. We embrace the miracle. We become the miracle. God, through the worst of tragedies, is still in the miracle business! I thank God for the privilege of telling the story. I thank God for the faithful support of all who are the Body of Christ.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

So, in the words of the good hymn *Lift High the Cross*, join with me in lifting high the Cross of Christ:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore His Sacred Name

So shall our song of triumph ever be

Praise to the Crucified for victory

Faithfully yours in Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior,

Pastor Dave Mulder



Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?”

This passage above recorded by Saint Matthew, recorded in his Gospel (16-24-26), sums up the purpose of prayer and spiritual disciplines, to “**deny self**”; the necessity of claiming our call, “**take up your cross**”; and, moving out in mission, “**Follow me.**”

Faithfulness is obedience to God, accepting Christ and following him by responding to the Holy Spirit. I often reflect on Alexander of Cyrene who was compelled by a Roman soldier to pick up and carry the actual cross that Jesus was carrying to his way to crucifixion.

Alexander was a spectator to Jesus’ grueling journey known as the *Via Doloroso* meaning “way of suffering” referring to the path Jesus walked to his death. When Jesus faltered and fell, that’s when Alexander was ordered by the soldier to assist Jesus.

Think about it. Right next to Jesus. Then, by taking hold of the wooden cross, Alexander comes into contact with the actual shed blood of Jesus Christ! This both graphic and gripping!

As we “lift high the cross” of Jesus we remember his shed blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Remember that Christ himself “**bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.**”

[\(1Peter 2:24\)](#)

As we take up our cross we answer our call to ministry and mission! This is our pledge. This is our commitment. Together we pray and encourage one another to deny our self, to take up our cross and follow Jesus!

In the name of the Father and of the Son Jesus Christ and of the Holy Spirit! Pastor Dave